

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Akihiko Namba, et al.  
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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### **REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113 and 1.116**

Sir:

Applicant's reply of January 18, 2008 in response to the final, October 18, 2008 Office action in the above-identified patent application was refused entry, as indicated in the advisory action of January 23, 2008, and thus failed to place this application in condition for allowance. In renewed response to the October 18, 2008 action, then, Applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination.

As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following amendment—a revised version of Applicant's January 18, 2008 reply—accompanies the present RCE. (The RCE and this amendment are being filed on February 18, 2008 along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, and are and are therefore timely filed.)

### **AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.